



EGREMONT

Berkshire County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Egremont is tucked into the green southwestern Berkshire Hills. It is a small residential town of about 1,000 which serves those who have traditionally made their full-time home there as well as newcomers whose second home or weekend home is in the community. Egremont is a quiet town, its residents note, with no night-life, low taxes, and exceptional public services such as police, highway and volunteer fire department.

A multiple-acre town park offers recreational facilities for all residents; ball fields, picnic areas, tennis and volleyball courts, archery range, hiking and horse trails. Children in Egremont attend the brand-new \$25 million elementary/high school campus complex, with electronics and computers designed for the 21st century. The new complex offers auditorium, gyms, playing fields and other facilities for the community, while the educational program provides an innovative long-block class-time schedule which is attracting educators from all over the United States.

The town has two small commercial centers as well as post offices in North and South Egremont. Major shopping is conducted in adjoining communities.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southwestern Massachusetts, bordered by Alford on the north; Great Barrington on the east and south; Sheffield on the east; Mt. Washington on the south; and Copake and Hillsdale, New York, on the west. Egremont is 24 miles south of Pittsfield and 139 miles southwest of Boston.

Total Area: 18.96 sq. miles

Land Area: 18.84 sq. miles

Population: 1,229

Density: 65 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Great Barrington Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Egremont, Bashbish Falls

Regional Planning Agency

Berkshire County

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 528-0182

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1775

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	807		
Democrats	150	18.6	%
Republicans	161	20.0	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	496	61.5	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Egremont town, Berkshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	1,345	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	1,345	100.0
Male.....	646	48.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	14	1.0
Female.....	699	52.0	Mexican.....	-	-
Under 5 years.....	45	3.3	Puerto Rican.....	1	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	73	5.4	Cuban.....	1	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	76	5.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	12	0.9
15 to 19 years.....	68	5.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	1,331	99.0
20 to 24 years.....	47	3.5	White alone.....	1,310	97.4
25 to 34 years.....	110	8.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	192	14.3	Total population.....	1,345	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	268	19.9	In households.....	1,345	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	117	8.7	Householder.....	609	45.3
60 to 64 years.....	80	5.9	Spouse.....	329	24.5
65 to 74 years.....	154	11.4	Child.....	306	22.8
75 to 84 years.....	92	6.8	Own child under 18 years.....	229	17.0
85 years and over.....	23	1.7	Other relatives.....	45	3.3
Median age (years).....	47.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	15	1.1
18 years and over.....	1,099	81.7	Nonrelatives.....	56	4.2
Male.....	523	38.9	Unmarried partner.....	35	2.6
Female.....	576	42.8	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	1,074	79.9	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	316	23.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	269	20.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	133	9.9	Total households.....	609	100.0
Female.....	136	10.1	Family households (families).....	408	67.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	139	22.8
One race.....	1,333	99.1	Married-couple family.....	329	54.0
White.....	1,323	98.4	With own children under 18 years.....	98	16.1
Black or African American.....	1	0.1	Female householder, no husband present.....	61	10.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	1	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	31	5.1
Asian.....	4	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	201	33.0
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	168	27.6
Chinese.....	1	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	68	11.2
Filipino.....	1	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	148	24.3
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	198	32.5
Korean.....	1	0.1	Average household size.....	2.21	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.67	(X)
Other Asian ¹	1	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	866	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	609	70.3
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	257	29.7
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	242	27.9
Some other race.....	4	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	12	0.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.6	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	609	100.0
White.....	1,335	99.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	485	79.6
Black or African American.....	2	0.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	124	20.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	4	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.29	(X)
Asian.....	11	0.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.90	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	5	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP): 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Egremont is situated in Berkshire County, a region of hills and low mountains that widen to create the Berkshire Valley in the south. The major cities and towns are linked together by U.S. Route 7. North Adams and Pittsfield are major points of entry for rail freight into Massachusetts, and the region has several commercial airports. Public roads and highways meet the requirements of modern transportation.

Major Highways

The principal highways are State Routes 23 and 71.

Rail

There is no freight or passenger rail service in Egremont, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts and New York is easily accessible.

Bus

Egremont is not affiliated with any regional transit authority. Bonanza Bus Lines provides seasonal service to South Egremont on its route between Albany, Pittsfield, and New York City.

Other

The Great Barrington Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,579'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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